THE GRANTING AUTHORITY, HAVING BEEN APPRISED OF THE INTEREST OF THE RESIDENTS OF HARFORD COUNTY IN PROVIDING THE FACILITIES OF A CATV SYSTEM, DO HEREBY SOLICIT APPLICATIONS FOR CATV FRANCHISES IN HARFORD COUNTY AND REQUEST THAT ALL APPLICATIONS BE DELIVERED IN DUPLICATE TO THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY COUNCIL. APPROPRIATE INSTRUCTIONS, NOTICES, APPLICATION FORMS AND OTHER MATERIALS CAN BE OBTAINED BY ANY INTERESTED PARTY FROM THE SECRETARY OF THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF HARFORD COUNTY.

SECTION 6.6. PROCEDURES FOR ACCEPTANCE AND PROCESSING OF CATV APPLICATIONS.

- (A) TIME: IN THE SUBMISSION OR PRESENTATION OF WRITTEN AND/OR ORAL MATERIALS BY THE APPLICANTS, TIME SHALL BE CONSIDERED TO BE OF THE ESSENCE.
- (B) MAJOR AMENDMENTS: TO PREVENT APPLICANTS FROM DELAYING THE GRANTING AUTHORITY'S CONSIDERATION, ANALYSIS, AND ACTION ON APPLICATIONS, APPLICANTS WILL NOT BE PERMITTED TO MAKE MAJOR AMENDMENTS; THAT IS, TO MATERIALLY ALTER CORPORATE STRUCTURE, TECHNICAL PROPOSAL, OR THE PROGRAM PROPOSAL OF THE APPLICATION. EQUITY AND FAIR TREATMENT OF ALL APPLICANTS REQUIRE THAT THE GRANTING AUTHORITY CAUSE EACH APPLICANT TO STATE ITS CASE ON SPECIFIC DATES AND NOT TO PERMIT TARDY APPLICANTS TO STRENGTHEN THEIR APPLICATIONS BY FILING MATERIALS AFTER THE DUE DATES.
- (C) AMENDMENTS TO FINANCIAL PROPOSALS: CONSISTENT WITH THE LONG ESTABLISHED COMPARATIVE HEARING PRACTICES OF THE FCC, AMENDMENTS TO THE FINANCIAL PROPOSALS MAY BE MADE BY AN APPLICANT, AT ANY TIME, DURING THE COURSE OF THE PROCEEDINGS.
- (D) PROCEDURES IN BRIEF: THE PROCEDURES FOR PROCESSING ALL CATY APPLICATIONS, IN BRIEF ARE AS FOLLOWS:
- (1) ALL APPLICANTS MUST FILE AND DELIVER TO THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF HARPORD COUNTY FORMAL WRITTEN APPLICATIONS, CONSISTENT WITH THE COUNTY'S FORM FOR SAME ON OR BEFORE A DATE OR DATES FIXED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL.
- (2) ALL APPLICANTS MUST ATTEND ANY AND ALL HEARINGS OR MEETINGS BY THE GRANTING AUTHORITY AND MUST RESPOND TO ANY AND ALL QUESTIONS POSED BY THE GRANTING AUTHORITY. FAILURE TO ATTEND SUCH MEETINGS CAN RESULT IN THE DISMISSAL OF ANY APPLICATION. ALL MEETINGS AND HEARINGS WILL BE HELD, ON THE CATY APPLICATIONS WITHIN SIXTY (60) DAYS FROM THE DATE OF THE FILING OF SUCH APPLICATIONS AND ALL APPLICANTS WILL BE GIVEN NOT LESS THAN TEN (10) DAYS ADVANCE NOTICE, IN WRITING, OF ALL SUCH MEETINGS AND HEARINGS.